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In re application of: GEORGE E. BITTNER
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FOR A HEAT ENGINE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace page 6. In line 11, page 6, please delete the phrase "A channel 21" and insert the phrase --A channel 41--. No new matter has been added to the case.

In the Claims:

Applicant notes that claims 40-79 have been renumbered to claims 39-78 because there was no claim 39 in the original application.

Please amend claims 1 and 45 as follows:

1. (Amended) A heat engine in combination:
 - a) a plurality of heating side expansion chambers and cooling side expansion chambers, positioned on opposite sides of an axis[,] wherein said cooling side expansion chambers lag said heating side expansion chambers, for expanding and contracting fluids;